

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 25 pending in the application.

Claims 1, 7 and 16 have been amended. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found in Figure 1, the description of the Figures on pages 47 and 53 of Applicants' specification and Example 1. Support for the amendment to claim 7 can be found in Figure 2, the description of the Figures on pages 47 and 53 of Applicants' specification and Example 3. Support for the amendment to claim 16 can be found in Figure 3, the description of the Figures on pages 47 and 53 of Applicants' specification and Examples 5, 6, and 7.

Applicants have amended paragraph 2 on page 48 of the specification to recite "a reflecting aluminum layer 19." Applicants have also amended the paragraph bridging pages 49 to 50 to recite "an inorganic gas barrier layer 20." Applicants submit that the omission of the reference numbers 19 and 20 from the specification was an obvious error. In this regard, Applicants submit that one skilled in the art would have recognized the existence of this error in the specification and the appropriate correction from the depiction of the layers in Figures 1 and 2 and further from the description of the order of the layers on pages 47-50 of the specification.

Claims 1-2, 5-8, 13-17, and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Tomohito (English Machine Translation of JP 2000-267086), as evidenced by Nakamura et al. (Derwent Abstract of JP 2002-234111).

Claims 3-4, 9-10, and 18-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Tomohito, as evidenced by Nakamura et al. ("Nakamura").

Claims 11-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Tomohito as applied to claims 1-10, 13-19, and 25, as evidenced by Nakamura et al. ("Nakamura"), further in view of Shi et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,693,956 ("Shi") as evidenced by Misono et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,070,749 ("Misono").

In the 1.111 Amendment filed April 29, 2004 and the 1.116 Amendment filed on October 29, 2004, Applicants argued that the order of the layers in the present invention are not anticipated or obvious over Tomohito alone or Tomohito in view of Shi. However, the Examiner asserted the claims did not recite the order of the layers. (paragraph 3 of the Final Office Action dated July 29, 2004).

Applicants have amended claims 1, 7, and 16 to recite the order of the layers in the present invention. Based on the arguments presented in the 1.111 Amendment filed on April 29, 2004 and the 1.116 Amendment filed October 29, 2004 and the amendments to claims 1, 7, and 16 herein, Applicants submit that the presently claimed invention would not be anticipated or obvious over Tomohito alone or Tomohito further in view of Shi. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the § 102 and § 103 rejections.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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